Introduced by Senator Margett

February 21, 2003

An act to amend Section 3001 of the Penal Code, relating to parole.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 781, as introduced, Margett. Parole.

Existing law specifies the period of parole for various crimes for which an inmate has been imprisoned in the state prison, and provides for the discharge of certain persons from parole prior to the end of that period, as specified, unless the Department of Corrections recommends to the Board of Prison Terms that the person be retained on parole and the board, for good cause, determines that the person will be retained on parole.

This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to these provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 3001 of the Penal Code is amended to 2 read:
- 3 3001. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, when
- 4 any person referred to in paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) of
- 5 Section 3000 who was not imprisoned for committing a violent
- 6 felony, as defined in subdivision (c) of Section 667.5, has been
- 7 released on parole from the state prison, and has been on parole
- 8 continuously for one year since release from confinement, within
- 9 30 days, that person shall be discharged from parole within 30

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days, unless the Department of Corrections recommends to the Board of Prison Terms that the person be retained on parole and the board, for good cause, determines that the person will be retained. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, when any 5 person referred to in paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) of Section 3000 who was imprisoned for committing a violent felony, as 6 defined in subdivision (c) of Section 667.5, has been released on parole from the state prison for a period not exceeding three years 9 and has been on parole continuously for two years since release from confinement, or has been released on parole from the state 10 prison for a period not exceeding five years and has been on parole 11 12 continuously for three years since release from confinement, the 13 department shall discharge, within 30 days, that person from 14 parole within 30 days, unless the department recommends to the board that the person be retained on parole and the board, for good 15 cause, determines that the person will be retained. The board shall 16 make a written record of its determination and the department shall 17 18 transmit a copy thereof to the parolee. 19

- (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, when any person referred to in paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (b) of Section 3000 has been released on parole from the state prison, and has been on parole continuously for three years since release from confinement or since extension of parole, the board shall discharge, within 30 days, the person from parole within 30 days, unless the board, for good cause, determines that the person will be retained on parole. The board shall make a written record of its determination and the department shall transmit a copy thereof to the parolee.
- (c) In the event of a retention on parole, the parole shall be entitled to a review by the parole authority each year thereafter until the maximum statutory period of parole has expired.
- (d) The amendments to this section made during the 1987–88 Regular Session of the Legislature shall only be applied prospectively and shall not extend the parole period for any person whose eligibility for discharge from parole was fixed as of the effective date of those amendments.